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SUBJECT: CHILE-FRANCE RELATIONS: AFP JOURNALISTS

REF: A. SANTIAGO 3046; B. SANTIAGO 2997

- 1. IN REPLY TO INCOMING INQUIRY FROM INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSN. (IAPA) RE DETENTION OF TWO AFP EMPLOYEES (REFTEL), SEC. GEN. OF PRESIDENCY GENERAL BEJARES SENT CABLE MAY 8 TO IAPA FREE PRESS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GERMAN ORNES. ACCORDING TO BEJARES, DETENTION OF NEWSMEN WAS RESULT OF "AN ERROR IN IDENTIFICATION"; CASE HAS NOW BEEN "TOTALLY RESOLVED", AND "OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENT HAVE BEEN PUNISHED."
- 2. BEJARES REITERATED GOC'S "FULL RESPECT" FOR PRESS, INCLUDING FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, "EVEN THOUGH MANY OF THEIR REPORTS LACK OBJECTIVITY."
- 3. FRENCH AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED TO US THAT HE HAD HELD TWO LENGTHY CONVERSATIONS WITH SENIOR FONMINISTRY OFFICIALS ON KAUFFMAN CASE, BUT DID NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF TALKS.
- 4. COMMENT: NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE OF WHICH OFFICIALS WERE ALLEGEDLY PUNISHED, OR WHAT PUNISHMENT THEY ACTUALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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